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GENERAL SUMMARY.

Aside from the severe tropical storm that struck the extreme northwest coast on the 18th, a condensed report of which is found elsewhere, the month of October was generally a pleasant one. The temperature and rainfall were slightly above the normal, the latter being due more to excessive rains over a portion of the section during a short period rather than to widespread precipitation. The barometric pressure averaged about 0.09 inch below the normal. The lowest reading at Pensacola during the storm of the 18th was 28.76 inches, reduced, at 9:30 a. m. The maximum wind velocity was 114 miles. There was a high percentage of sunshine, except during the first and last 4 or 5 days of the month. The deficient rainfall of August and September, supplemented by the droughty conditions over a large portion of the section during the current month, rather accentuated the unfavorable condition of some crops until the last week, when good rains fell in central and south portions. The growth of truck was backward, seed-beds were slow to germinate, and the replanting of strawberries was necessary over a wide area. The cotton crop was practically all picked. Citrus fruits were in fair condition, although the fruit will probably be smaller than usual. Cane, peanuts, hay, sweet potatoes and corn were generally good crops.

There was an almost uninterrupted excess of temperature from the 5th to 20th over the north and central portions, followed by a moderately cold spell from the 21st to 24th, which gave frost or frost temperatures over the extreme north and northwest portions. This was the chief cold spell of the month, and among the minima, Bristol and Garniers recorded 34°; Mt. Pleasant, 35°, and Brooksville No. 2 and Bonifay, 36°. It is worthy of note that the influence of the tropical storm of the 18th was still felt over the Gulf States as late as the 23d; and in that respect it but repeated the slow progressive movement of the July storm, which traversed much of the same area.

The weather was unusually dry over the northern division, but the rainfall was somewhat heavier and more widely distributed in the central and southern divisions, especially during the last week of the month, when rather heavy rains fell from the 24th to 30th. The following 24-hour amounts, in inches, were recorded: De Land, 1.15 on the 28th; Ft. Pierce, 2.80 on the 27th; Homestead, 3.22 on the 25th, and 2.59 on the 29th; Hypoluxo, 1.54 on the 25th, and 3.98 on the 29th; Malabar, 2.86 on the 28th, and 3.32 on the 29th. These rains were markedly beneficial to truck, seed-beds, and strawberries.

TEMPERATURE.

The monthly mean temperature from the records of 76 stations was 73.5°, or 0.5° above the normal. The highest monthly mean was 79.4° at Long Key, and the lowest was 66.8° at Molino. The highest temperature was 95° at Malabar on the 19th, and the lowest was 34° at Bristol and Garniers on the 22d.

PRECIPITATION.

The average precipitation for the month, 81 stations reporting, was 4.13 inches, or 0.04 inch above the normal. The greatest monthly amount was 14.34 inches at Homestead, and the least was 0.77 inch at Tampa. The greatest amount in 24 consecutive hours was 4.82 inches at Apalachicola on the 18th. The average number of rainy days was 10.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Frost: Over the extreme northwestern and extreme northern portions from the 21st to 23d.

Halos—Lunar: Bradenton on the 5th; Jacksonville on the 9th; Key West on the 6th; Sand Key on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 15th, and 17th; Tampa on the 6th.

Halos—Solar: Key West on the 6th, 15th, and 19th; Sand Key on the 5th, 6th, and 15th.

Thunderstorms: Occurred at various stations in the peninsula from the 5th to 8th, and on the 10th, and locally along the lower southeast coast from the 23d to 31st.

PRESSURE, WIND, HUMIDITY, AND SUNSHINE DATA.

Stations.	Atmospheric pressure. (Reduced to sea-level.)					Wind.			Relative Humidity.		
	Mean.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Average hourly velocity.	Maximum Velocity.	Direction.	Mean, 7 a. m.	Mean, 7 p. m.	Percentage of sunshine.
Jacksonville...	30.02	30.19	23	29.78	4	15.0	38	ne.	27	90	86
Key West.....	29.90	30.07	23	29.69	26	11.4	33	nw.	21	76	67
Miami.....	29.92	30.07	7	29.70	26	10.0	32	ne	28	82	78
Pensacola.....	30.04	30.29	23	28.76	18	14.2	114	se.	18	73	62
Sand Key.....	29.89	30.05	23	29.67	26	17.1	43	nw.	21	81	73
Tampa.....	29.97	30.16	23	29.80	26	8.3	23	ne.	28	82	61

COMPARATIVE DATA FOR OCTOBER.

Year.	Temperature.				Precipitation.				Number of days.				
	Mean.	Departure.	Highest.	Lowest.	Average.	Departure.	Greatest monthly.	Least monthly.	Greatest in 24 hours.	With precipitation (0.01 inch or more).	Clear.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.
1891..	70.0	-2.6	91	82	4.96	+0.87	9.58	0.04	...	8	18	6	7
1892..	72.4	-0.2	91	86	4.43	+0.34	14.00	1.28	...	15	10	10	7
1893..	73.0	+0.4	95	41	3.33	-0.71	11.72	0.24	4.46	8	13	5	6
1894..	73.0	+0.4	92	40	3.70	-0.39	7.36	1.00	4.63	8	11	11	9
1895..	71.7	-0.9	92	44	3.07	-1.02	21.03	0.40	4.34	6	12	9	5
1896..	72.4	-0.2	94	40	3.11	-0.98	8.58	0.76	4.15	7	17	9	5
1897..	72.4	-0.2	95	40	4.61	+0.52	10.26	0.25	6.30	10	13	10	7
1898..	71.6	-1.0	96	30	6.12	+2.03	16.99	T.	6.43	10	13	10	7
1899..	73.4	+0.8	94	49	6.10	+2.01	29.10	0.97	12.18	10	11	12	8
1900..	75.7	+3.1	95	49	5.49	+1.40	14.20	2.13	5.70	10	12	13	6
1901..	72.2	-0.4	94	39	1.85	-2.24	7.08	T.	4.00	4	19	9	3
1902..	74.2	+1.6	96	33	5.55	+1.46	18.99	0.98	7.20	10	12	10	4
1903..	70.8	-1.8	97	29	1.82	-2.27	6.53	0.00	5.60	4	17	10	4
1904..	73.3	+0.7	100	30	4.63	+0.54	21.39	0.00	10.48	8	16	8	7
1905..	73.2	+0.6	96	35	2.94	-1.13	10.56	0.15	4.33	7	14	10	7
1906..	71.2	-1.4	95	30	3.14	-0.95	13.68	0.36	5.08	6	14	11	6
1907..	71.4	-1.2	97	32	1.57	-2.52	5.65	0.00	2.58	4	20	8	3
1908..	69.7	-2.9	93	35	3.16	-0.93	27.86	T.	3.37	6	18	8	5
1909..	70.5	-0.5	96	34	1.93	-2.05	21.08	0.00	11.23	3	20	9	4
1910..	73.1	+0.6	95	27	8.74	+4.85	27.81	2.15	9.70	11	13	9	9
1911..	76.6	+4.6	99	40	5.28	+1.16	11.37	1.50	5.25	9	15	9	7
1912..	74.8	+2.3	95	39	4.07	+0.37	8.62	0.68	6.58	8	13	11	5
1913..	72.2	-2.3	98	31	2.91	-1.11	6.95	0.61	3.60	10	15	10	6
1914..	72.9	+0.7	94	30	4.02	-0.22	11.58	1.05	5.15	10	15	10	5
1915..	75.4	+3.0	96	40	7.51	+3.56	19.10	1.37	7.70	13	12	11	8
1916..	73.5	+0.5	95	34	4.13	+0.04	14.34	0.77	4.82	10	13	10	8

LATE REPORT.

September, 1916.—Bassenger, monthly mean temperature, 80.0 degrees; highest, 93 degrees; date, 1st; lowest, 68 degrees; date, 12th; greatest daily range, 23 degrees; total precipitation, 3.67 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 0.76 inch; number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 11; clear, 2; partly cloudy, 22; cloudy, 6; prevailing wind direction, NE.

Climatological Data for October, 1916.

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, years.	Temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit.				Precipitation, in inches.				Number of days.				Prevailing direction of wind.	Observers.		
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Snowfall, un-melted.	With 0.1 or more precipitation.	Clear.	Partly cloudy.		
<i>Northern Division.</i>																			
Archer	Alachua	92	13	70.8 ^b	-0.8	90	5 ^t	39	22	31	2.36	-0.48	0.99	0	8	12	11	8	ne.
Bristol	Liberty	6	69.6	94	16	34	22	39	2.93	2.60	0	6	23	4	4	ne.
Carrabelle	Franklin	10	17	70.4	-0.4	89	10	36	22	33	3.91	+0.79	3.00	0	4	11	12	8	J. J. Blomquist.
Cedar Keys	Levy	10	27	73.8	+1.2	91	9	44	22	35	3.35	+0.23	2.00	0	5	6	8	n.	
Crescent City	Putnam	45	18	73.4	+1.2	91	19	45	22	29	4.18	+0.42	1.27	0	15	6	8	Walter Cliff.	
Federal Point	do	10	24	72.8	+0.9	93	10 ^t	46	22	30	4.75	-0.20	1.27	0	16	10	9	E. S. Hubbard.	
Fen holloway	Taylor	75	9	71.8	.....	92	9 ^t	38	22	34	2.98	.....	1.10	0	7	9	16	J. Wigglesworth.
Fernandina	Nassau	15	23	70.0	-1.4	87	10	45	22	31	6.51	+1.41	1.88	0	12	13	1	F. C. Pennington.	
Gainesville	Alachua	176	20	71.7	+0.3	91	8 ^t	39	22	31	2.04	-0.64	0.86	0	11	3	23	Mrs. J. B. Campbell.	
Hilliard	Nassau	69	7	70.2	.....	90	9 ^t	40	22	29	2.99	.....	1.21	0	7	13	12	E. R. Flint.
Jacksonville	Duval	222	45	69.5	-0.1	86	10	43	22	22	4.77	-0.29	2.76	0	20	8	8	U.S. Weather Bureau.	
Jasper	Hamilton	152	16	70.68	-0.2	89	10	39	22	30	4.67	+1.62	1.88	0	5	12	6	C. H. Pennington.	
Johnstown	Bradford	125	17	70.68	-0.2	89	10	39	22	32	3.26	+0.23	1.30	0	6	7	10	G. W. Coffin.	
Lake City	Columbia	210	32	70.3	+0.5	92	10	39	22	32	3.26	.....	.....	0	14	14	ne.	
Live Oak	St. Lucie	109	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macclenny	Baker	125	20	70.0	-0.7	89	9 ^t	37	22	33	5.58	+2.54	3.65	0	5	6	6	C. M. Griffing & Co.	
Madison	Madison	143	16	70.2	+0.1	91	10	41	22	30	3.32	+0.42	1.75	0	12	13	8	E. J. Vann.	
Melrose	Alachua	163	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleburg	Clay	14	15	71.0 ^t	+0.7	94	10	38	22	32	2.67	-1.65	0.90	0	6	7	8	H. von Noszky.	
Monticello	Jefferson	207	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morton's Farm	Duval	1	69.3 ^t	.....	.....	87 ^t	20	39	22	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. A. Chalker.
Mount Pleasant	Gadsden	306	10	69.0	.....	91	9 ^t	35	22	36	2.33	.....	2.00	0	3	25	4	W. C. Reed.
Newport	Gadsden	15	14	70.2 ^t	-0.3	90	9	37	22	36	3.48	.....	3.29	0	3	13	11	W. D. Morton.
Quincy	Walulla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Augustine	St. Johns	10	64	72.1	-0.3	89	19	45	22	27	8.11	+3.13	1.26	0	13	10	5	Daniel Grubbs, Jr.	
Satsuma Heights	Putnam	98	8	71.8 ^t	.....	90	19	45	22	22	3.73	.....	1.53	0	10	7	7	Nathaniel Brewer Jr.
Switzerland	St. Johns	14	23	71.7	+1.2	91	9 ^t	48	22	30	5.28	+0.90	1.36	0	11	10	5	C. L. Nicholson.	
Tallahassee	Leon	192	29	70.2	+1.8	89	10	41	22	27	4.67	+1.52	4.26	0	4	22	5	J. E. Crutchfield.	
<i>Central Division.</i>																			
Bartow	Polk	115	29	74.0	0.0	92	14	44	22	32	3.10	-0.59	1.88	0	12	8	10	13	William Hood.
Bassenger (near)	Osceola	40	3	76.5	.....	92	7 ^t	49	22	30	2.84	.....	1.12	0	9	2	17	P. E. Tasler.
Brooksville (1)	Hernando	126	24	74.4 ^t	+1.1	92	7	45	22	33	2.97	-0.40	1.85	0	4	10	9	A. Keathly.	
Brooksville (2)	do	4	73.2	.....	.....	91	9 ^t	56	22	37	1.70	-0.90	0.82	0	16	10	9	Bur. Plant Industry.
Clermont	Lake	105	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Geo. E. Bailey.
Coleman	Sumter	65	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
De Land	Volusia	27	19	72.7	+0.7	89	19	46	22	31	6.92	+2.03	1.15	0	15	6	15	F. G. Brill.	
Eustis	Lake	56	28	73.8	+0.5	93	19	47	22	26	5.51	+2.12	1.26	0	15	12	5	C. T. Smith.	
Fellsmeir	St. Lucie	25	4	76.1	.....	91	7	44	22	28	9.44	.....	1.05	0	18	9	13	W. A. James.
Fort Meade	Folk	125	27	76.2	+2.1	93	9	46	22	32	2.89	-1.16	0.95	0	8	10	13	G. L. Brodrick.	
Fort Pierce	St. Lucie	10	15	77.2	+0.9	92	20	58	22	21	10.34	+4.18	2.80	0	14	8	16	T. C. Nicholson.	
Inverness	Citrus	43	17	73.2	+0.6	93	19	45	22	28	3.39	+0.32	2.00	0	5	13	10	W. H. Miller.	
Isleworth	Orange	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A. Q. Lancaster.
Kissimmee	Osceola	65	24	75.5	+0.6	91	19	49	22	27	2.56	-1.92	0.65	0	6	10	10	W. L. Poult.	
Lakeland	Polk	227	1	52.2	.....	89	19	46	22	25	2.33	.....	1.20	0	7	18	1	U. S. Forest Service.
Lucerne Park	do	4	75.4	.....	.....	90	7 ^t	46	22	29	5.12	.....	1.59	0	10	7	8	L. D. Niles.
Lynne (near)	Marion	.....	2	.....	.....	89	19	46	22	27	1.40	.....	0.35	0	12	16	8	A. J. Holworthy.
Malabar	Brevard	28	24	77.2	+1.7	95	19	54	22	26	12.46	+5.35	3.32	0	13	20	6	J. F. Earley.	
McDonald	Orange	175	19	72.2	-0.7	92	7 ^t	43	22	34	4.07	-0.58	0.98	0	15	19	5	J. B. Escott.	
Merritts Island	do	20	33	75.7	+0.2	89	8	55	22	18	8.77	+2.96	2.50	0	16	16	12	F. Urich.	
New Smyrna	Volusia	14	31	74.3	+1.2	91	20	50	22	28	8.53	+2.54	2.14	0	17	5	21	F. J. Nordman.	
Ocala	Marion	98	24	71.0	-1.0	86	9 ^t	40	22	30	3.18	+0.39	2.22	0	8	2	11	F. G. B. Weihe.	
Orange City	Volusia	39	22	74.2	+0.9	92	19	44	22	32	4.50	+0.09	0.73	0	12	12	7	E. J. Ireland.	
Orlando	Orange	111	24	75.2	+1.5	93	7 ^t	52	22	37	4.58	-0.57	0.74	0	16	14	12	W. S. Branch.	
Pinellas Park	Pinellas	20	4	74.4	.....	89	15 ^t	49	22	26	0.78	-1.99	0.29	0	5	14	11	Miss Lilian German.
Plant City	Hillsboro	121	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	L. W. Bon.
Rockwell	Marion	54	14	72.4b	-0.8	89	16	44	22	28	2.87	-0.93	1.10	0	7	21	7	Dunellon Phos. Co.	
St. Cloud	Osceola	5	2	74.0	.....	91	1	50	22	26	2.78	.....	0.66	0	6	14	11	R. G. Reynolds.
St. Leo	Pasco	190	21	73.8	+0.4	89	9	46	22	26	1.07	-2.26	0.36	0	6	15	9	Gerard Schneider.	
St. Petersburg	Pinellas	.....	1	76.2	.....	89	8 ^t	52	22	26	0.84	.....	0.50	0	7	11	10	The Independent.
Sanford	Seminole	25	8	74.4	.....	90	7 ^t	50	22	28	6.94	.....	1.25	0	12	11	3	H. C. Dunbose.
Tampa	Hillsboro	104	26	75.0	+1.2	89	9	49	22	27	0.77	-2.20	0.34	0	7	6	11	14	U.S. Weather Bureau.
Tarpon Springs	Pinellas	20	31	74.6	+1.3	90	9 ^t	46	22	26	0.78	-1.99	0.29	0	5	14	11	A. P. Albaugh, M. D.	
Titusville	Brevard	16	20	75.2	+1.5	92	20	51	22	23	8.10	+2.63	2.11	0	16	9	12	F. M. Taylor.	
<i>Western Division.</i>																			
Arcadia	De Soto	61	15	75.1	+0.2	92	17 ^t	53	22	27	2.72	-1.67	0.64	0	11	3	21	e.	
Avon Park	do	150	17	75.1	+0.2	91	18 ^t	53	22	27	2.05	-1.42	0.60	0	10	17	14	William King.	
Boca Grande	Lee	11	.....	77.8	.....	91	9	54	22	26	3.47	.....	0.78	0	15	8	C. H. & N. Ry.	
Bradentown	Manatee	22	32	75.6	+1.5	91	15	53	22	28	2.02	-1.00	0.62	0	5	12	11	F. H. Braymer, M. D.	
Davie	Broward	10	3	73.6	.....	90	7	58	21	26	5.32	.....	0.98	0	19	18	J. R. Porter.	
Eddy	do	1	.....	77.8	.....	89	7 ^t	60	22	24	7.96	.....	1.80	0	20	15	Mrs. Ellen E. Butler.	
Fort Lauderdale	Broward	12	44	76.4	+1.1	90	9	53	22	27	2.05	-1.42	0.60	0</					

Daily precipitation for October, 1916.

Except as otherwise indicated observations are generally made late in the afternoon, near sunset, and precipitation recorded is for 24 hours ending at the time of observation.

*** Regular Weather Bureau station; precipitation is for the 24-hour period, midnight to midnight. Precipitation measured in the morning; amount the same as at 12:00 noon.

Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours. * Precipitation included in the next following measurement.

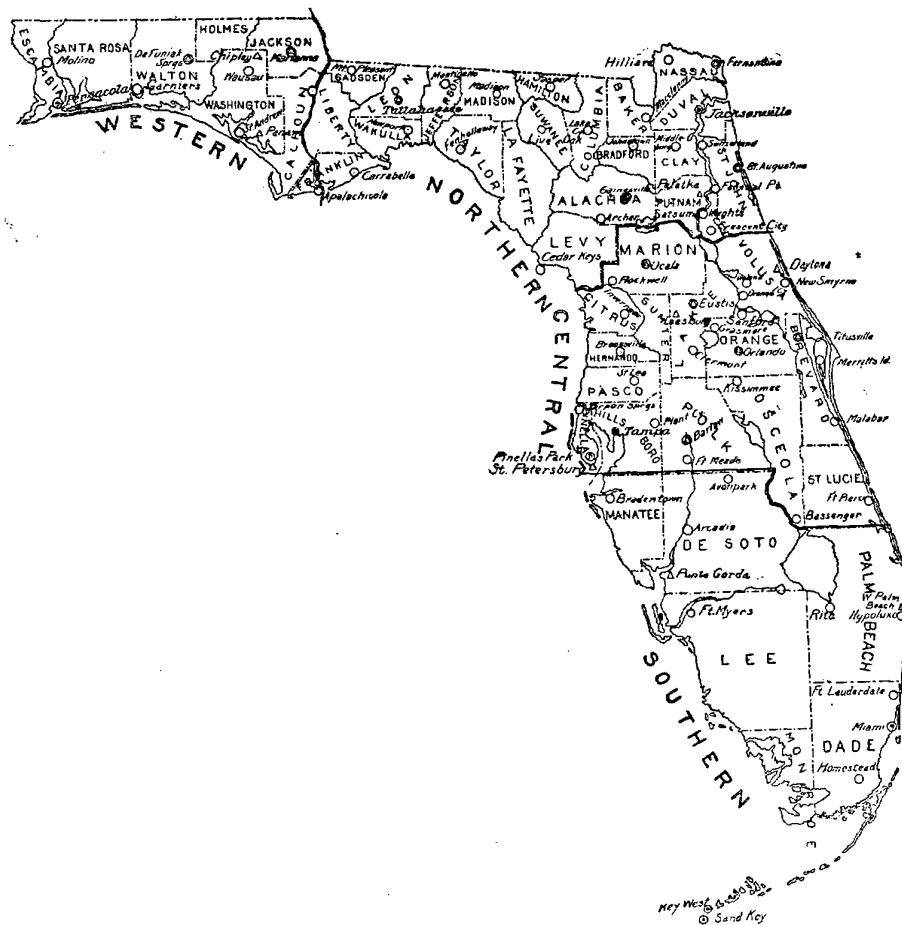
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ÿ front measurement is accumulated amount since October 1st.

Daily temperatures for October, 1916.

Stations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Mean.
<i>Northern Division.</i>																																
Cedar Keys	85	84	82	83	85	87	89	90	91	90	82	86	88	90	89	88	83	80	82	82	80	78	78	80	83	87	82	84	88	86	87	84.8
	61	60	55	60	62	65	67	70	74	74	66	60	63	65	66	71	70	74	72	68	69	44	48	50	51	52	66	65	58	64	61	62.9
Crescent City	83	82	72	73	86	86	90	90	90	90	76	32	86	86	88	88	87	81	91	87	78	74	76	69	69	84	78	73	80	84	81	82.3
Fernandina	65	64	55	62	59	70	72	72	70	65	69	66	65	64	64	63	70	73	72	53	45	51	60	67	68	67	66	67	66	64	64.6	
	70	69	74	71	77	74	78	83	84	87	73	75	84	82	82	83	84	80	85	85	82	67	67	73	68	71	73	71	72	74	76.3	
Gainesville	60	59	59	60	63	69	71	70	67	64	63	66	64	66	66	67	72	74	68	51	45	57	64	65	66	66	66	63	63	63	63.6	
Jacksonville	60	61	58	57	61	71	70	71	72	65	63	53	64	61	63	65	66	71	73	69	47	39	45	53	60	66	65	59	64	62	61	62.1
Lake City	68	68	74	69	79	74	78	84	86	71	73	81	80	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	63	65	68	69	71	75	71	72	75	72	74	75.2
	60	59	55	60	63	68	70	70	72	72	68	61	55	65	65	69	70	71	74	65	50	43	51	56	65	64	64	61	68	64	63.8	
Tallahassee	74	80	80	70	88	76	86	88	91	92	74	88	88	88	91	89	78	87	88	87	70	72	70	82	79	78	80	75	76	80.8		
	56	59	52	58	62	66	63	70	72	68	61	55	56	60	60	65	66	69	69	69	46	39	42	49	54	65	62	58	67	63	59.8	
Live Oak	71	74	80	79	85	77	85	88	89	89	68	79	84	85	87	89	89	81	86	86	87	67	67	69	72	81	80	84	82	80	81.1	
Macclenny	59	60	62	54	60	60	70	70	71	67	61	55	56	55	59	57	62	70	69	49	37	44	53	55	64	64	64	66	68	60.3 ^b		
Madison	76	79	80	70	86	75	87	87	90	91	75	80	87	87	88	84	77	86	85	85	68	68	71	75	87	73	79	80.2				
Monticello	58	58	53	57	63	66	70	72	73	71	62	56	57	62	62	63	67	70	70	69	45	41	45	49	51	65	55	56	57	61	60.3	
De Land	78	80	79	76	85	77	85	87	91	91	79	81	86	90	89	91	83	75	86	85	67	67	69	72	81	80	84	82	80	81.1		
Mount Pleasant	51	50	51	59	63	70	69	72	71	69	62	54	56	56	62	62	65	66	39	35	36	37	45	45	45	45	45	45	57.0			
St. Augustine	79	77	71	76	85	80	80	82	83	84	77	78	81	80	82	84	84	83	89	88	72	72	70	71	70	69	69	71	70	65	65.3	
Tallahassee	76	79	80	71	84	76	84	86	83	89	78	80	84	87	85	86	84	76	85	84	73	74	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79.6		
	55	59	56	62	64	67	69	72	73	72	65	56	59	63	66	65	67	70	65	47	41	47	50	53	63	64	52	56	60	60.8		
<i>Central Division.</i>																																
Bartow	87	85	91	88	86	85	87	83	87	87	84	85	84	92	87	87	86	82	89	86	76	75	79	75	77	79	74	81	80	83	76	83.6
	65	56	57	61	57	71	70	71	72	64	69	67	62	63	63	63	69	62	60	44	50	55	65	68	69	65	70	71	63	64.4		
Bassenger (near)	89	88	90	83	89	90	92	90	88	87	88	86	87	88	89	89	91	92	82	82	82	83	83	82	83	83	84	83	84	86.4		
Brooksville (2)	84	83	81	77	84	84	89	89	91	88	81	86	87	86	86	86	88	91	84	91	89	76	73	79	78	80	81	81	83	87	83.7	
De Land	82	81	69	71	83	84	86	87	85	73	82	84	86	87	86	83	88	89	81	82	82	83	84	82	80	81	81	81	81	81.1		
Eustis	94	82	72	77	88	82	91	90	87	80	83	85	85	86	89	93	90	93	90	72	75	76	75	83	82	81	81	81	81	82.1		
	66	65	55	60	62	69	73	72	71	67	70	67	66	64	65	65	66	70	73	73	56	47	51	54	64	69	69	67	70	71	65.4	
Fort Pierce	87	81	81	81	88	86	86	85	85	84	84	84	84	86	86	87	82	82	82	80	80	82	82	80	80	80	80	80	80	83.5		
	68	65	64	64	69	71	76	75	76	76	70	63	63	67	65	67	70	72	76	77	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	76.9		
Inverness	82	82	78	76	89	83	81	87	87	81	76	84	86	87	87	89	85	93	93	75	75	65	69	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	72.2	
Kissimmee	87	84	78	77	84	87	90	89	88	89	85	85	85	86	87	87	91	89	82	82	82	82	82	81	80	81	81	80	81	81.1		
	68	66	61	63	63	71	71	74	70	65	69	66	65	66	66	66	70	73	73	63	59	60	60	61	67	67	66	66	66	66.9		
Malabar	84	84	82	83	80	86	86	86	86	86	86	84	84	84	84	84	85	93	93	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	84.1		
Merritts Island	70	73	64	72	73	74	76	76	76	76	70	74	75	75	75	75	75	77	72	72	72	72	72	71	71	70	70	70	70	70.3		
Ocala	79	74	65	70	72	72	73	73	72	72	68	63	65	65	65	65	65	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	70.9		
	61	53	54	57	60	63	71	71	70	65	67	62	62	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	62.2	
Orlando	87	88	80	74	86	86	87	88	89	89	85	85	85	86	86	86	86	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	85.4	
	64	64	58	62	64	69	71	70	68	69	63	67	64	64	65	64	64	64	62	60	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52.0	
St. Leo	81	81	79	73	82	87	88	89	83	84	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86.2		
Sanford	84	84	74	74	86	90	90	89	89	89	84	85	85	86	86	87	88	90	90	90	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	92.9	
	68	66	58	63	61	70	71	71	69	69	64	64	66	66	66	66	66	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	65.6	
Tampa	67	64	60	64	63	73	75	74	71	70	68	66	66	67	67	67	67	67	69	69	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	67.1	
	58	55	58	62	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	
Homestead	89	83	83	86	87	81	83	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87.4	
	65	67	68	60	66	62	62																									

Map with Divisions, Counties, and Stations.



THE TROPICAL HURRICANE OF OCTOBER 18, 1916.

The summer and autumn of the current year were attended by several severe tropical storms. And it is noted that two of them—those of July and October—approached the Gulf coast over practically the same path. The October storm was of rather restricted area, but of great intensity, as reflected by the report from Pensacola, where the lowest barometer reading was 28.76 inches with a wind velocity of 120 miles an hour. The July storm was severe and unusual (only 5 have occurred during July in the last 35 years) and the damage therefrom was so enormous and widespread that, relatively, the losses caused by the October hurricane seem comparatively light. In a measure this was due, however, to the fact that both storms covered much of the same territory. The July storm seemed to oscillate east-west for a time, destroying practically all crops over much of the district subsequently traversed by the October hurricane.

This dissimilarity appears, however, in comparing the two hurricanes, viz., that of July was attended by phenomenally heavy and widespread rains continuing practically 4 or 5 days, whereas the October storm gave only moderate rains on 2 days, chiefly 1, the 18th. The greatest 24-hour rainfall in Florida during the passage of the storms was, for July, 6.50 inches, and for October, 4.82 inches. It is seen, therefore, that, although the October hurricane was of much greater depth, and gave higher winds, its area of precipitation and the maximum rainfall reported were less than during July. The damage by the October hurricane was confined, mainly, to the Pensacola section. The damage to crops was not great.

The following excerpts concerning the storm at Pensacola were taken from a very complete report rendered by the Official in Charge of that station:

All interests were given ample warning concerning the development and progress of this hurricane.

Afternoon and night advices from Washington on the 17th stated that the storm was "apparently nearing the central Gulf and turning more to northward or northeastward."

The westerly gale rose rapidly to an estimated rate for five minutes of 120 miles, beginning 10:15 p. m. The estimated extreme wind for this five minute period is 126 miles. The wind instrument tower at the Weather Bureau office blew down at 10:14 a. m., after registering an extreme rate of 120 miles an hour at 10:13 a. m.

A boy, Leslie Allbrooks, 13 years of age, was blown through a show window at the southwest corner of Palafox and Romana Streets, and severely cut. The damage along the northern shores of the peninsula and Santa Rosa Island was due partly to a five-foot tide and high seas, caused by the westerly gales which reversed the tidal currents.

Oak trees that withstood the July storm were uprooted; about 200 trees throughout the city were blown down.

The estimated damage to shipping interests is \$25,000.

Estimated damage to railroads by wave action in washing down embankments, \$10,000.

Estimated damage by winds to buildings and chimneys, \$75,000.